when Central Government notified SCICI as the 'designated person' of the Central Government, under the Shipping Development Fund Committee (Abolition) Act, 1986.

(c) Shipping Credit & Investment Company of India Limited (SCICI) is well equipped to cater to the needs of all the sectors of this Industry, including small and medium sized companies.

(d) Shipping Credit & Investment Company of India Limited (SCICI) has been sanctioning financial assistance to the viable projects of the fishing companies involving the acquisition of fishing trawlers of above 20 mtr. overall length irrespective of the size of the project. Industrial Credit & Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) has reported that they deal with all projects or expansion schemes with cost of project above Rs. 3 crores, except for financing of sepcific equipments, especially in foreign currency, where they do not have any lower limit.

(e) ICICI has reported that it did not finance any fishing company fully or partially before the creation of SCICI.

Central Government's decision on Levy of Tax on Inter-State Consignment

3520. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have taken any decision regarding levy of tax on Inter-State Consignment of goods as decided at the Chief Ministers Conference held in February, 1989;

(b) whether the Committee of Chief Ministers set up with Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh as Chairman and Chief Ministers of 5 other States including Rajasthan as Members, have made same recommendations at their meetings held in July, 1989; and

(c) if so, what are the guidelines formulated so far by the Committee and by when the Central Government are expected to issue instructions to State Governments for implementation of levy of consignment tax etc. at the earliest ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Committee held its meetings twice in July 1989 but its recommendations remained inconclusive. The question of issue of guidelines by the Central Government will arise only after the consignment tax is introduced in the country.

Development of Deeg Town as A Tourist Spot

3521. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether ITDC is planning to develop the historical Deeg town in Rajasthan as a major tourist spot; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK) : (a) ITDC's Annual plan for 1990-91 does not envisage any scheme/provision for development of Deeg Town as a tourist spot in Rajasthan.

(b) Does not arise.

Collection by NRI Fund to start Shipping Service between Bombay and Goa

3522. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES : Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from any State Government to set up Corporations to collect overseas bonds from NRIs on the pattern of Konkan Railway Corporation, to start shipping service between two States by importing these ships from foreign NRI collection; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to encourage such a scheme to mitigate the problems of commuters between Bombay and Goa in the absence of any encouraging response either from the private operators or from any public sector undertakings ?